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UTILIZATION OF NAZIS LAID TO C.I.A. AND F.B.I.

G.A.O. Reports Agencies Got Data
From Alleged War Criminals,
and C.I.A. Paid 7 of Them

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WASHINGTON, May 16—The General Accounting Office reported today that the Central Intelligence Agency and the Federal Bureau of Investigation had used alleged Nazi war criminals as "sources of information" and that the C.I.A. had paid seven of them.

The accounting office, an investigative arm of Congress, also reported that the State Department had employed one alleged Nazi war criminal as a consultant and that the Department of Defense had also employed one.

The agency reported that it was unlikely there was any "widespread conspiracy" by Federal departments or agencies to obstruct investigations into allegations that Nazi war criminals had entered the United States as refugees. But the agency said that it would not rule out the possibility of isolated instances of deliberate obstruction.

The accounting office spent 17 months investigating whether the Immigration and Naturalization Service or other Federal agencies had obstructed active prosecution of alleged Nazi war criminals.

Eilberg Asked for Inquiry

The investigation had been requested by Representative Joshua Eilberg, Democrat of Pennsylvania, who is chairman of a House Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship and International Law.

The accounting office reported that the C.I.A. had used 21 alleged Nazi war criminals as "sources of information" and had paid seven of them.

"The C.I.A. said its contacts with some of them came at a time when there was an acute shortage of intelligence on Soviet intentions and on developments in Eastern Europe," according to the accounting office.

An official of the C.I.A. said today that this occurred in the early 1950's and that none of those involved were now being used or paid for information.

The accounting office's report also said that the F.B.I. had admitted having a "confidential relationship" with two alleged Nazi war criminals but had not paid them.

A spokesman for the F.B.I. said today that the agency had not seen the accounting office's report and would have no immediate comment.

The accounting office also reported that a senior official of the German Foreign Ministry in the Nazi era was hired as a consultant by the State Department in the early 1950's because of his knowledge of the Soviet Union.

The report says that records show that this person left the United States in 1953 and that it was some years later that allegations were made that he was a Nazi war criminal.